

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

March 3, 2005

Minutes

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Ron Roberts, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Temecula. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts, Temecula, President	District 5
Councilmember Toni Young, Port Hueneme, 1st Vice President	District 45
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, LA County, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	
Supervisor Chris Norby, Orange County	
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Mayor Bill Alexander, Rancho Cucamonga	District 9
Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Mayor John Bauman, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Dick Stanford, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Llewellyn Miller, Claremont	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Councilmember Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44

Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley  
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura  
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach  
Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark

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### **Members Not Present**

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County  
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County  
Supervisor Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County  
Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County  
Councilmember Jo Shields, Brawley  
Councilmember Susan Longville, San Bernardino  
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto  
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest  
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim  
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton  
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood  
Councilmember Bea Proo, Pico Rivera  
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut  
Councilmember Bob Yousefian, Glendale  
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Martin Ludlow, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles  
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet  
Councilmember Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore  
Mayor James Hahn, Los Angeles

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### **Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer  
Colin Lennard, General Counsel  
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel  
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

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## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by newly elected RC member Alan D. Wapner, City of Ontario.

## **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Don Kornreich, Laguna Woods citizen, presented comments supporting implementation of the Maglev.

## **3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Becerra), SECONDED (Nowatka) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### **3.1 Approval Items**

3.1.1 Approve Minutes of Feb 3, 2005

3.1.2 Approval of Contracts

- Digital Mapping

#### **Temporary Employment Services**

- ACT 1 Personnel Services
- Microlink Enterprise, Inc.
- PMC
- Volt Services Group

### **3.2 Receive & File**

3.2.1 Contracts & PO between \$5,000 - \$25,000

3.2.2 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

3.2.3 Summary of Actions taken in February by  
by the CEHD, EEC & TCC

## **4.0 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

4.1 Announcements of:

### **New Regional Council Member**

Hon. Lou Correa, Orange County representing OCTA

### **RC District Election Results**

Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Ontario, District 10 (Newly Elected)  
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura, District 47 (Re-elected)  
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, District 45 (Re-elected)  
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore, District 63 (Re-elected)  
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley, District 3 (Re-elected)  
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula, District 5 (Re-elected)

### **Appointments**

### **RC Members to Policy Committees**

**TCC** Hon. Alan D. Wapner, Ontario

### **Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees**

#### **CEHD**

Representing CVAG	Hon. Ginny Foat, Palm Springs
Representing WRCOG	Hon. Charles White, Moreno Valley (Re-appointed)

#### **EEC**

Representing VCOG	Hon. Brian Brennan, San Buenaventura
Representing WRCOG	Hon. Lori Van Arsdale, Hemet (Re-appointed)

#### **TCC**

Representing WRCOG	Hon. Steve Adams, Riverside (Re-appointed)
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### **Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force**

Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City  
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme

### **Solid Waste Task Force**

Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles

### **LOSSAN**

Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin

## **4.3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mark Pisano gave a brief overview of the Goods Movement Policy Paper. He stated that the "Southern California Regional Strategy for Goods Movement: A Plan for Action" was finalized and submitted to Sunne McPeak. Ms. McPeak's next follow-up meeting with the principals will be March 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Pisano also noted that first steps towards implementing the ideas in the policy paper was the Goods Movement Executive Stakeholder Roundtable hosted by SCAG on February 7, 2005. The half-day meeting was attended by 50 people and included Brief public and private sector presentations on the issues facing the region.

Also Mr. Pisano announced that Keith Killough was selected as the new Director of Information Services. He will start March 2005.

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## **5.0     ACTION ITEMS**

### **5.1     Administration Committee Report**

#### **5.1.1   Final Draft of the 2005/2006 Comprehensive Budget, submittal of the OWP and ICAP Budgets to Caltrans, and submittal of General Fund Budget to the General Assembly**

Councilmember Dixon, Chair, stated that the Administration Committee recommended approval with the following amendment to the stipend section: Calculate stipend amount utilizing \$2.50 per gallon of gas instead of \$2.00 per gallon and make adjustments to the mileage ranges.

Vice President Young gave accolades to Heather and her staff regarding the budget. She stated that the document was understandable and easy to read.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### **5.1.2   Contract for Cambridge Systematics, Inc.**

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Brown) UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### **5.1.3   Revisions to Budget Amendment #3**

Recommendation to authorize staff to make necessary revisions to Budget Amendment #3 and resubmit to Caltrans for approval.

It was MOVED (Dixon), SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### **5.2.    Executive Committee Report**

#### **5.2.1   NARC Board Elections**

NARC Board Elections will take place in June 2005. Supervisor Mikels seeks the Regional Council's nomination for Sr. Vice President.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### 5.3 **Nominating Committee Report**

#### 5.3.1 **Election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

The Nominating Committee recommended Supervisor Yvonne Burke as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. It was MOVED (Becerra), SECONDED (Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### 5.4 **Transportation & Communication Committee (TCC) Report**

The Recap of the Executive Stakeholder Roundtable; Update on Goods Movement was presented in the Executive Director's report.

### 5.5 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

#### 5.5.1 **Conformity Determination for the 8-hour Ozone**

The new federal conformity regulation for 8-hour ozone requires the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to receive approval from the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) on SCAG's conformity determination by June 15, 2005. Non-attainment area designations for the new 8-hour ozone standard became effective on June 15, 2004, and an approved conformity determination is required one year after the effective date. If US DOT does not approve SCAG's determination by June 15, 2005, then the region's conformity will lapse.

The EEC recommended adopting Resolution 05-461-1 approving the conformity determination for the 8-hour Ozone Standard.

It was MOVED (Clark), SECONDED (Alexander) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to waive reading and adopt Resolution #05-461-1.

### 5.6 **Community & Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report**

There was no report presented at this time.

### 5.7 **Communication & Membership Subcommittee Report**

Councilmember Becerra announced that planning for SCAG's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and General Assembly is currently underway.

The 2005 General Assembly will take place Wednesday and Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is The Changing Faces of Southern California: 40 Years of Progress.

Gov. Schwarzenegger is our invited keynote speaker for Wednesday's dinner. Councilmember Becerra stated that past SCAG Presidents, members, and alumni will be invited. He requested RC help in soliciting sponsors, and stated that specific sponsor solicitation information is available for those interested in helping.

As part of the program, a stimulating panel is currently being organized regarding impact of goods movement on our region as cargo moves from the ports, through our communities, and across our borders. Invited panelists include: US DOT Secretary Norm Mineta, CA Secretary of BT&H Sunne McPeak, CA Secretary of EPA Dr. Alan Lloyd, representatives from Wal-Mart and the shipping industry, and others.

He also reported that this year a Regional Champion Awards will be initiated to recognize non-elected officials in areas of expertise matching the main areas of each of our policy committees.

He noted that this recommendation was approved at last month's RC meeting and was discussed at the policy committee meetings earlier today. Members were encouraged to think about "civilian" nominees deserving of such acknowledgment and put forth their names.

## **6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Monthly Financial Report**

Heather Copp, CFO reported that during this period SCAG has not had to access its Line of Credit. The new Master Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans has been signed. It allows SCAG additional flexibility in how we bill Caltrans and how quickly SCAG is reimbursed.

### **6.2 Update on Budget Amendment Status**

Heather Copp reported that SCAG and Caltrans have come to a mutual decision to charge itemized costs for staff to the OWP CPG line items, therefore the need to revise Budget Amendment #3. These changes have no affect on the OWP.

## **7.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Councilmember Gabelich, Long Beach, made a second request to have a discussion on growth in the region. She asked the question, "When is enough, enough?" She also wanted to know if SCAG was planning to take a position on this issue or when will it be addressed.

## **8.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT**

### **8.1 Closed Session**

- Deanna Wetherbee-Distel et al. vs. Miguel Leon Martin et al.; Southern California Association of Governments; Riverside Transit Agency; Western Municipal Water District- Complaint for Wrongful Death; Case Number: RIC 417340  
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation, pursuant to Cal. Gov. Code Section 54956.9(a)

No report

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- Morrison v. SCAG  
Morrison v. Southern California  
Association of Governments et al. Superior Court,  
Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 312066  
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation  
pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a)

A report was given in closed session by Counsel. No action was taken.

- Havens v. SCAG  
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments,  
Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931  
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation  
Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(a)

No report.

#### **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2005 at SCAG.

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Mark Pisano, Executive Director